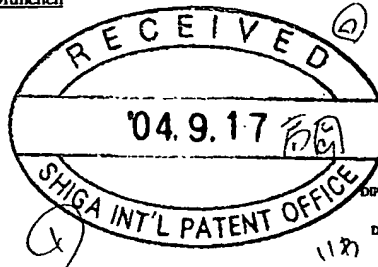


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Dear Mr. Shiga:

In connection with the above-identified matter, we have now received the partial European search report, a copy of which is enclosed. Copies of the documents listed in the search report are enclosed as well along with the confirmation copy of this letter.

We recommend that the cited documents of categories X and Y - if any - be examined carefully. This may be important in deciding later on whether examination is to be requested or, if it has been requested already, whether the request for examination is to be maintained.

The annex to the partial search report lists the corresponding patent documents in other countries relating to the patent documents cited in the partial search report.

Please note that the partial search report was drawn up for those parts of the above application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims. No search has been carried out for claims

A search report has so far been drawn up only for group 1 - claims 1, 6 and 11. With respect to the other items of the application, namely

group 2 - claims 2, 7 and 12
 group 3 - claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14
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objections of lack of unity have been raised. If these items are to be searched, an additional search fee for these claims (each group of claims) has to be paid by

October 10, 2004

Please let us have your instructions by

October 3, 2004

We will not pay the fees unless we receive specific instructions from you to do so.

Very truly yours,



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